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Issuance of RFSQ for Debris Removal

Agenda item 27 seeks authorization of the resumption of the Request for a Statement of Qualifications for the As-Needed Emergency Debris Removal Services Program to manage and clean-up debris on the County rights of way in the event of a disaster with costs that exceed \$100 million. The Department of Public Works (DPW) deserves acknowledgment for their foresighted preparation in the event of a disaster in which significant debris removal is required. Given previous experiences, including mudslides following major brushfires and the wind storms in November 2011, it is clear that these types of events can and do happen. Moreover, such natural disasters will likely continue, therefore we must be prepared.

It is important that the County of Los Angeles be prepared to handle large-scale events, including major earthquakes and floods that could cost as much as \$100 million to clean up. For an event of such magnitude, it would be useful to have contractors in place that are prepared to provide a range of services.

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Pursuant to instructions from the Board of Supervisors, the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of DPW came to the conclusion, after reviewing the guidelines issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), that it would be beneficial to develop a list of qualified as-needed contractors that could perform debris removal work for an event with a projected clean-up cost in the range of \$100 million.

When soliciting such services, the following criteria should be specified:

- 1) the experience and qualifications of the contractor;
- 2) financing and bonding capability to handle clean-up efforts after major disasters;
- 3) consideration of MBE/WBE/LBE preferences; and
- 4) opportunity to seek federal (FEMA) reimbursement for services.

The matter is again before the Board of Supervisors for approval of the Request for a Statement of Qualification (RFSQ) as instructed on June 19, 2012.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Director of the Department of Public Works, to reissue the Request for Statement of Qualifications, adhering to the criteria as specified above, within 30 days.

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